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Memorandum

To Department of Justice
From Chlopak, Leonard, Schechter & Associates
Registration number 5774
Date October 16, 2009
Re Distributing Advisories for Foreign Agents

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The attached memo to editorial boards was sent out to members of the American Media on October 15, 2009.

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